FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—That is not a material issue so long as the principle of combination is agreed upon.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—If you do so, will not revenue work be inconvenienced?

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—Government have made sure that in this case work is not inconvenienced.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—May I take it, then, that the Government are not aware that work has been inconvenienced in our taluk, for the reason that revenue officers who have touring and other important works are not able to hold the court regularly? Are they also not aware that if this court which is an itinerant court is not held regularly, people in various places will be seriously inconvenienced?

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—In that case, needful enquiries will be made.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA.—With reference to the answer of Government that the Separation Scheme would be a wasteful method, may I ask whether the Government did not consider the question of cost also at the time of sanctioning the scheme?

DEWAN.—The member knows perfectly well that the financial situation has since changed for the worse.

Relief to the Victims of the Railway Accident at Tarikere.

MESSRS. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA (Chikmagalur Taluk); N. M. SIVALINGAPPIAH (Kadur Taluk); CHANDIAH (Tarikere Taluk); M. THIMMIAH (Tarikere Municipality); D. V. HALAPPA (Birur Municipality); K. THIMME GOWDA (Kadur Taluk); K. MALLE GOWDA and M. HUTCHE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk); C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests) and M. SIDDALINGAPPA SETTY (Chikmagalur Taluk).—

Q.—34. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether a full enquiry has been held by Government into the causes that led to the railway accident at Tarikere a few months back; if so, with what result?

(*b*) What is the nature of the injury inflicted on the persons who died or were injured in this accident and what are the particulars relating to their names, age and addresses?

(*c*) What is the status in life and the economic condition of the dead and injured persons?

(*d*) What relief has the Government decided to grant to the families of such dead and injured persons, and if so, what is the nature of such relief and what is the basis on which it is settled?

(*e*) Will the papers and documents connected with the enquiry into the said accident be kindly placed before this House?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.—

A.—34. (*a*) Yes. The whole case formed the subject matter of a magisterial enquiry. The judgment was delivered on 10th April 1934 punishing the Guard and the Driver of the train.

(*b*) A statement showing the persons injured and killed is attached (*vide* Appendix).

(*c*) Information not available.

(*d*) The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, has been asked to get into touch with the heirs of the deceased persons and decide what relief is necessary, in consultation with the officers of the Railway Department, except in the case of persons who have issued notices of suits claiming compensation.

(*e*) In view of answer to (*a*), the question does not arise. The case is still *sub judice* as the District Magistrate, Kadur, has appealed to the High Court for suitable enhancement of sentence on the ground that the sentence awarded to the two convicted persons appeared to be inadequate and unduly lenient. The accused have also appealed before the Sessions Judge against the conviction and the cases are pending before the courts.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Have the Government calculated the total loss caused to all the people who are either dead or injured?

AGENT, MYSORE RAILWAYS.—As the member knows, the matter is under enquiry.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—What steps have you taken to compensate the parties?

AGENT, MYSORE RAILWAYS.—As stated in the answer to (*d*), that question has been referred to the Deputy Commissioner.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—What are the instructions given by the Government to the Deputy Commissioner in regard to the quantum of compensation to be recommended?

AGENT, MYSORE RAILWAYS.—The answer is contained in (*d*). And further details can be discussed only in course of time because the matter is *sub judice*.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—How many have applied for compensation?

AGENT, MYSORE RAILWAYS.—Notice.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Why not appoint a committee to recommend suitable compensation in each case?

AGENT, MYSORE RAILWAYS.—Action is being taken to settle the question of compensation.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Apart from the issues pending before the courts, what objection is there to disposing of the question of compensation independently?

AGENT, MYSORE RAILWAYS.—Many issues are expected to come up in the course of the inquiry which might affect the question of compensation also.

DEWAN.—If the matter is *sub judice*, no further information can be given.

REPRESENTATIONS—*Contd.*

No. 26.—Levy of wet assessment in lieu of temporary water rate and cesses.

Messrs. Gurubasappa, K. C. Subbanna and K. V. Veeranna, Chamarajnagar Taluk; H. Hombe Gowda and N. Veeraraje Urs, T.-Narsipur Taluk; H. K. Madaiah, Malvalli Taluk; T. M. Kapanaiya Gowda and K. M. Krishnappa Gowda, Nagamangala Taluk; T. Mariappa, Mysore City Municipality; M. C. Linge Gowda, Maddur Taluk; B. Chamayya, Seringapatam Taluk; M. A. Khuraishi, Minorities; B. Siddalinga Setty, Special Interests; Basappa and Kongalappa, Gundlupet Taluk; Sannamallappa, Yelandur Jahgir; and Sivananje Gowda, Mysore Taluk.

MR. GURUBASAPPA prayed that permanent assessment be levied in lieu of temporary water rate and cesses in respect of lands under wet cultivation for over five years.

MR. P. SITARAMIAH added that in view of the construction of the right bank low level channel, re-survey settlement was conducted in 1918, after which water rate began to be collected on a rather arbitrary basis, and that the water rate *plus* the original dry assessment was higher than the wet assessment in any part of that area. The landholders had paid heavily for more than a dozen years and the representation was to the effect that in all those cases, wet assessment alone be levied even at the maximum rates prevailing under the channel.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that before giving any answer to the representation, Government would like to ascertain the exact reasons why these lands were not charged wet rates, and that this would be done in view of the representation.

MR. P. SITARAMIAH next brought to notice that in view of the block system of irrigation, which was insisted on in every case, there was little justification in the Government levying the usual assessment *plus* a water rate on all the lands irrigated by the channel; because the block system implied one-third of each holding not to be put to use for wet or garden cultivation.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL promised to look into this question also.

MR. M. C. LINGE GOWDA requested that in this connection, the case of the villages under the left bank low level channel of the Krishnarajasagara also be examined.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL promised to consider the request.

No. 27.—Levy of dry assessment in lieu of wet assessment on lands lying under tanks which are in disrepair.

Mr. Veere Gowda, Dodballapur Taluk.

MR. VEERE GOWDA represented that